

State Land Wardens		Agency/Program #: 5201-04-I1
		Division: Enforcement
		Program:
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Program or Project Description:

The Enforcement Division enforces all fish, wildlife, and parks' laws of Montana, department rules, and commission regulations. Division personnel also enforce state boating and snowmobile rules and regulations as well as private property laws and regulations as they deal with fishing and hunting.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2007

Not Provided

Legislative Goal(s):

To reduce damage to the state trust resources, to decrease the amount of funds being expended to remediate changes and to generate additional revenues to the affected trust through increased license sales and to improve communication and coordination affecting statewide enforcement efforts with other FWP game wardens.

Legislative Performance Measures :

The position descriptions and work plans will establish goals and objective necessary to enhance enforcement of state land recreational use rules. DNRC has entered into an MOU with FWP in order to direct the specific duties, priorities and reporting requirements necessary to establish and maintain accountability for the work preformed.

		Completion Dates	
2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Target	Actual
1	Work with DNRC Area and Unit Office to identify problem area and/or areas with know concentrated recreational use.		
2	Inspect identified sites, prioritize them by degree of damage, extent of use, etc., and develop strategies and timetables for implementing enforcement actions.		
3	Work with local courts to inform them of identified problems and plans of action for enforcement in an effort to bolster their support in the prosecution of violators cited under criminal code.		
4	Meet with other game wardens on a statewide basis to educate them about the rules, problem areas, prosecution options, etc. in order to sustain or improve relationships and to solicit their continued cooperation and assistance in enforcement of the program.		

Develop and implement program educational strategies, including disbursement and/or presentation of informal material to the public, license agents and other special use interest groups		
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Agency Performance Report:

Two state game wardens were hired on September 24, 2007. The DNRC wardens were located in Butte and Kalispell. Both wardens underwent field training by FWP and have been working with local DNRC staff to identify problems at DNRC sites. The Butte officer failed to complete his probationary period and was released by FWP. The position was re-filled through recruitment the last week of April 2008 and will now be stationed in Bozeman per agreement with DNRC.

The Kalispell Officer has been very involved with a wide range of duties and activities. They include:

- Completed the first 4 phases of the Field Training Officers Program.
- Currently attending the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (Phase 5)
- Worked during the hunting season with his Field Training Officer (FTO) and made several cases on DNRC lands with illegal OHV use as well as multiple big game cases.
- Has met directly with all of the DNRC Units in Kalispell, Libby, Thompson Falls, and the Swan to identify issues and problem areas.
- Worked directly with DNRC Foresters on determining problem areas and getting contact information.
- Received training from DNRC in commercial logging activities and truck identification etc.
- Researched and provided all the Region1 (northwest Montana) wardens with the current recreational use rules for DNRC.
- Regularly attended staff meetings with DNRC to build and keep communication lines open.
- Currently working on his FTO project with regards to public information on recreational use rules.
- Provided wardens with current information on Mushroom Picking to prepare them for this spring season while he is at the law enforcement academy.
- Provided a monthly summary of activities to DNRC to keep them informed on his activities.

The primary focus has been officer training. The Kalispell Officer has worked hard to establish a good working relationship and open communication with DNRC personnel in western Montana. With completion of Basic Training at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy, he will be able to operate with full peace officer authority and provide highly enhanced levels of enforcement, compliance, and educational support for this effort.

Overall, this position is proving to be an important and valuable component to FWP's resource enforcement efforts as well as providing significant support to DNRC.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Warning

DATA RELEVANCE: The narrative provides enough detail to determine the project is coming together.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: The agency did not provide an estimate of appropriations and expenditures for this initiative.

COMMENTS/ISSUE: The agency provided a good narrative to tell the story about this initiative. In doing this the legislature is made aware that the program is on track, however none of it relates to the performance measures. The measures are not meaningful unless the reader is aware of the contents of the MOU. A ranking of warning was provided due to the absence of appropriation/ expenditure information.

OPTIONS for the committee:

- 1) accept the ranking and receive another report, or 2) upgrade to ontrack and release.



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Change Description
New report